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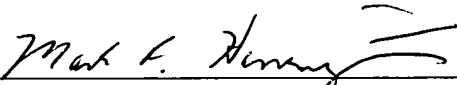
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Correct from: This application is a 371 of PCT/FR03/02244 "06/10/2003" to
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Attached is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application as filed with Missing Requirements on 08/02/2005 and a copy of the official Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance for this application.

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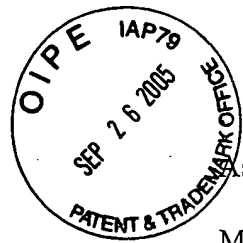
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Retaining Device for an Improved Contact

the specification of which:

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☐ was filed on _____ as U.S. Application Serial No. _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application Number **PCT/FR2003/002244** filed on **July 16, 2003** and

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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31 July 2002
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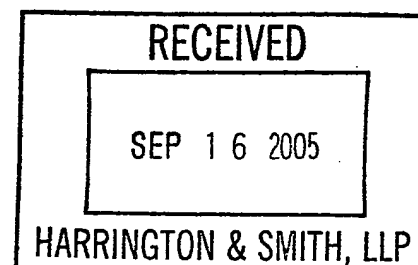
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Retaining device for an improved contact



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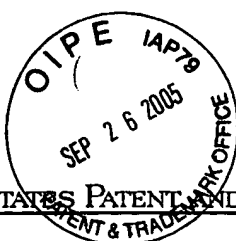
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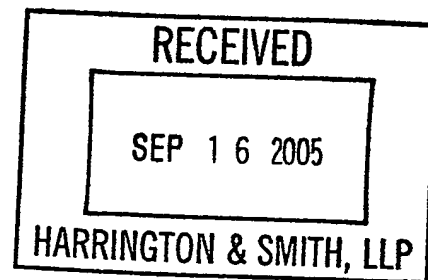
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